

City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

March 21, 2014

DOG LICENSING

New Hampshire RSA 466:1 requires that every owner or keeper of a dog four months of age or older license said dog in the municipal clerk's office in the city or town in which the dog is kept. Licenses are effective from May 1st to April 30th of the subsequent year.

Beginning April 1, 2014, the City of Concord will begin its annual dog licensing season. Residents may mail payments to renew their dog licenses to the City Clerk's Office, 41 Green Street, Concord, NH 03301; or stop in to the City Clerk's Office to renew said license in person. Licenses will only be issued if we have current rabies vaccination information on file. If you are unsure as to whether or not we have current rabies information on file, you may inquire by sending an e-mail to cityclerk@concordnh.gov or by calling 225-8500.

Licensing fees are as follows:

Non-spayed or Non-neutered Dogs	\$10.00
Spayed or Neutered Dogs	\$ 7.50
Dogs under 8 months old	\$ 7.50
5 or more dogs of same owner	\$20.00
First dog for owner age 65+	\$ 2.00*
*(regular rate for additional dogs)	



Owners who license their dog(s) after May 31, 2014 are subject to additional fees. If you are no longer required to license your dog with the City of Concord, either because you have relocated outside of Concord, or you no longer have your pet, please contact the City Clerk's Office.

The City Clerk's Office is located in City Hall at 41 Green Street. Office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday; with extended hours until 6:00 PM on Thursdays.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION DEADLINE

April 15th is the deadline to submit new applications for property tax exemptions and credits. The deadline pertains to veteran credits, elderly exemptions, and blind exemptions. Property owners who are currently receiving these credits and exemptions do not need to requalify unless the Assessing Office has contacted them and requested they do so. Qualifying criteria and forms may be obtained online at www.concordnh.gov/assessing or directly from the Assessing Office.

April 15th is also the deadline for the annual filing of A-9 applications requesting educational, religious or charitable property tax exemptions. Property owners requesting a charitable exemption must also file an A-12 application and financial data before June 1st.

For more information, please call the Assessing Office at 225-8550, Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

WATER FLUORIDATION AWARD

Last Friday, the Concord Water Treatment Plant received a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for maintaining a consistent level of fluoridated wathroughout 2012. award was presented to Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Dave Brennan by NH Department of Health and Human Services. Division of Public Health Services Director Dr. Jose Montero. Concord was one of three New Hampshire cities, including Laconia and Lebanon, to receive this award.



Dr. Jose Montero presents award to Water Plant Supt. Dave Brennan



L to R: City Manager Tom Aspell; Water Plant Supt. Dave Brennan; & General Services Director Chip Chesley



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ON-LINE ASSESSING DATABASE

The City's on-line assessing (http://gis.vgsi.com/ database concordnh) has been recently upgraded. The public will notice that the screens have been refaced, allowing for easier viewing, and the printed information is more user friendly. The program allows for a sales search where the user can enter parameters such as sale dates, building sizes, and building types. Links to Google, Bing, and Yahoo Maps are also available to locate the selected parcel.

PLANNING OFFICE RELOCATED

The Planning Division of the Community Development Department has successfully made the transition to its new location on the 3rd floor of City Hall. Planning is now co-located with the Engineering Services Division. Office hours for the Planning and Engineering suite are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

PLANNING BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED

The Planning Board Meeting originally scheduled for March 19th has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 2nd, due to lack of a quorum. The meeting will take place in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at City Hall at 7:00 PM. All items appearing on the March 19th agenda will be taken up by the Board at the April 2nd meeting.

BLOSSOM HILL HOSTS CRANE OPERATION TRAINING

On March 17th, the NH Arborist Association (NHAA) held their first ever crane workshop and training seminar at Blossom Hill Cemetery. Approximately 50 people attended the seminar, including staff from Blossom Hill Cemetery and

the General Services Department's tree crew. The day began with an educational seminar held in the Perkins Chapel, followed by the removal of two dead and dying trees utilizing a large crane and an expert climber. The first tree removal took four hours to accomplish, as the sawyer in the tree explained in great detail each step needed in the safe removal of a tree requiring the use of a crane. (The tree was surrounded by granite monuments that would need to be removed prior to the tree being removed in a conventional manner.) A second large oak, which was struck by lightning several years ago and situated on a steep embankment, was also removed by the crane and expert climber.

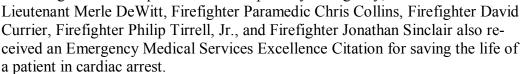


These trees were removed at no cost and saved the City in excess of \$5,000. Our sincere gratitude and thanks to Bartlett Tree Experts and Joe Davis for providing the crane, brush chipper, trucks and climber. A special thank you also to former Tree Supervisor Scott Carlson who recommended Blossom Hill Cemetery to the NHAA as an appropriate site to hold this event.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS CEREMONY

The Fire Department held its annual awards ceremony last Friday evening in the City Auditorium. Lieutenant Brian Saltmarsh was named Firefighter of the Year for his excellent work as a company officer and for his leadership in Department training activities; Battalion Chief Guy Newbery received a Distinguished Ser-

vice Award for his many contributions to the Department, to the fire service profession, and to the community; Captain Derek Kelleher, Firefighter Corey Clark, Firefighter Chris Dolloff, Firefighter Paramedic Jim Farley, and Firefighter Rob Martel received an Emergency Medical Services Excellence Citation for saving the life of a patient with a respiratory emergency;



Several citizens also received awards for activities ranging from saving the life of a cardiac arrest patient, to assisting stranded boaters on the Contoocook River, to providing support for the ceremony for many years.



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KUDOS TO SNOW REMOVAL CREWS



The City's Joint Loss Management Committee (JLMC) recognizes City employees who through their actions, suggestions, commitment or initiative have contributed to ensuring the City of Concord is a safe and healthy place in which to live and work.

The General Services Department's snow removal crews were recently recognized by the JLMC for their dedication and commitment to providing the motoring public with the safest roads possible under the exceptionally poor conditions created by the back to back snow events of February 14th and February 18th.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION



Registration has begun for all Parks & Recreation summer camps. The Department offers 18 different camps, from the three traditional day camps to specialty camps like lacrosse, golf, Lego, dance, soccer, theater, cooking, track & field, and many, many more. All camps have limited space. Payment plans are available. For more information or to register online, visit www.concordnh.gov/recreation.

CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

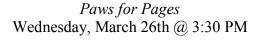
The Concord Public Library will host the following activities next week:

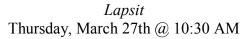
For Children....

Toddler Tales Monday, March 24th @ 10:30 AM



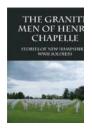
Family Storytime Wednesday, March 26th @ 10:30 AM





Castaway Challenge Thursday, March 27th @ 3:30 PM





Granite Men of Henri Chapelle Saturday, March 29th @ 1:30 PM

They rest in a distant land they fought to liberate nearly 70 years ago, their lives ended by war and their stories quieted by time. For 38 New Hampshire World War II soldiers buried in Belgium, their stories are brought to life once again.



PSNH TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADE

Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) is beginning construction to upgrade the P145 power line, which is located in the power line corridor that abuts many Concord properties. The upgrade will include the replacement of some structures, as well as hardware on the conductor and structures. In order for PSNH's contractor to be able to access each work site, they will be laying out timber mats for the construction vehicles to travel over in order to minimize impacts in environmentally sensitive areas. For some of the work, PSNH's contractor will use a helicopter for a few days between April 1st and April 19th. Using a helicopter will decrease the amount of ground disruption along the right-of-way and will allow them to complete the required work more quickly. Some noise is expected as the helicopter flies over the power line corridor. For safety reasons, PSNH will restrict access to the corridor when the helicopter is in the area and during the work operations. If you have questions, please call PSNH at 1-888-926-5334.